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WHEREAS, our revered and beloved PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES, the HEAD of the NATION, HIS EXCELLENCY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, has fallen a victim to the foul and diabolical crime of Assassination, committed in the height of his usefulness, when his wisdom and exaltation of personal character had won for him the proud distinction of being, among the living, First in the Hearts of his Countrymen, and when the Nation was elate with Joy, and also with profound Gratitude, for the crowning Victories lately achieved by our Army and Navy, and for the dawn of the blessed Day of Peace, after four years' struggle with a Rebellion, unprecedented for its wickedness, against a most benign Government—a Rebellion just rendered powerless by the Skill, Prowess and Strength of our brave Commanders and Officers, Soldiers and Naval Marine; AND WHEREAS, such Victories were followed and signalized, on the part of our Government, through him whose loss we deplore, by a magnanimity and generosity which must well-nigh have paralyzed the arms and melted the hearts of those remaining in Rebellion; AND WHEREAS, while the whole Country has been shocked that so heinous a crime as Assassination should be attempted, under any circumstances, upon the lives of public officers, chosen for the maintenance and execution of the laws, Language is inadequate to express our horror of that fiendish outrage upon the person of so Good, Wise and Just a man as the late Chief Magistrate of our Union; AND WHEREAS, in the commission of that great crime, every loyal Citizen feels that, if not himself smitten by the ball of the assassin, he is at least violated in his own person and liberties; AND WHEREAS, the Nation is suddenly overwhelmed with the Dismay and Grief of so dire a Calamity as the Death, by Murder, of our beloved PRESIDENT LINCOLN, saddening us all with the keenness of personal affliction:

Therefore Resolved, That, with emotions too deep for adequate utterance of the awfulness of the Crime, committed against Human and Divine Law, in the assassination of HIS EXCELLENCY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, this Council, in its ties of fraternity and citizenship, and individually, unite in the universal expression of Sorrow prevailing this Nation.

Resolved, That being called upon to mourn this loss, at a time when the Country was just emerging from its conflicts, but yet needed longer the Wisdom and Statesmanship of the Departed, the Moral Influence of his Character, his Goodness, Gentleness and Magnanimity, to lead us speedily to undisturbed paths of Peace, whose blessings he had hoped and merited to enjoy with us, the sad Event bewilders, as the fiendishness of the Murder appeals, us.

Resolved, That while we bow reverently to the Decrees of an Over-ruling Providence, we will look and pray to our Heavenly Father for the Mercy, Protection and Consolation which the People of the Nation, at large, need, to lift us and them out of the Darkness in which we are enveloped by this great Sorrow, and for Light, Aid and Strength from Above, that, under Divine Guidance, we may recover from the severe visitation over which the Nation weeps, and that we may yet, by obedience to His Holy Law, and the Vows and Duties of faithful Citizenship, make even this sad Event and all other Trials of the Country work together for Good, yet unseen and unknown.

Resolved, That we are unable, fittingly, at this time, to recount all the wise, just and beneficent acts of the Administration of our lamented President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, or to pronounce all the praises that belong to his name, but that our Hearts are full of that Admiration and Love which we believe will increase among our People, from generation to generation, through all the future of this Country, for his Public and Private Virtues, his Patience and Wisdom, his Justice and Statesmanship; and that the name of ABRAHAM LINCOLN is now, and will always be, affectionately associated with that of GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the History of this Republic, and be recognized by the World, with that of the Father of his Country, as a Benefactor of Mankind.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the Widow, Children and Kindred of our deceased President, in this, their great Trial; a Grief too great for us, or the People, to attempt to assuage, otherwise than by the assurance of holding them ever in tender remembrance.

Resolved, That this Council join with our fellow-citizens in sentiments of sympathy to the Commanders and Officers, Soldiers and Seamen of our Army and Navy, in this their loss, perhaps to them more poignant than to ourselves, in the violent and untimely Death of their Chief; still we feel that the Voice of his Spirit may even now be heard enjoining upon them, and us, not to be cast down, but to

remember that, as Slavery was the original cause of the Rebellion, and his Assassination one of its culminating effects, through the series of cruelties and atrocities committed by the Enemy during the War, all loyal and true Hands and Hearts should be only the more strengthened and energized by the Event, and anew buckle on their Armor to

Fight the good fight,
Of Freedom and Right,

until no Root or Branch of the accursed Institution shall live to poison again the Tree of Liberty, within the territory of the United States of America.

Resolved, That we unite in the universal prayer for the recovery and restoration of our esteemed and beloved Secretary of State, the Honorable WILLIAM H. SEWARD, and those of his family, who so narrowly escaped death from the same murderous band.

Resolved, That, while we grieve over our great bereavement, we are thankful that we were saved the life of our excellent Vice-President, and that the Executive authority is permitted to devolve upon one we can trust with so much confidence, for his distinguished ability, and ardent and well-tried Patriotism, as HIS EXCELLENCY ANDREW JOHNSON, whose assurances of public policy, and especially whose stern sense of Justice for the vigorous enforcement of the punishment prescribed for Treason, against the leaders of Rebellion, command, as his administration shall receive, our earnest approval, encouragement and support.

Resolved, That, as a body, we will join in the opportunity to be given us on the 25th instant, of paying our last tribute of respect to the honored remains of our late President on their removal through this city, and that this Council continue to wear the usual badge of mourning until the 15th of May next, as a feeble outward token of our sense of the National Affliction.

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